

Something written to the *Imp. Secy*
MAGISTRATES
OF
LONDON
AND
MIDDLESEX.

Who sit on the Seat of Justice, who are as examples to the rest of the Nation; or to whomsoever this may come, that they may see the fruits of their doings, and repent thereof.

With a sound of God's Judgements against *Babylon* and her Merchants.

Also, A manifestation of God's Love to his People, and an invitation to all people to turn unto the Lord who waits to be gracious; yea, whose loving-kindness is stretcht out to the ends of the Earth.

By one who hath been a sufferer for the Truth's sake,

JOHN TYSO.

LONDON, Printed in the Year, 1664.

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By one who hath been a Justice for the Town of London.

JOHN 1720.

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Something written to the Magistrates of
London and Middlesex, &c.

O Ye men of *London*, who sit as Heads, and are as Leaders to the rest of the Nation in your proceedings; and to ye the inhabitants of the Subburbs thereof, do I speak; ye, to you chief men in *Middlesex*, who sit in the seat of Justice: What, think ye the Lord hath forsaken the earth? Or is it in your hearts the Holy One of *Israel* sees you not?

Consider and lay it to heart, slight it not; for God will plead with you for these things: What, is Truth wholly become a prey amongst you, and Justice and true Judgement turned backward, that Equity cannot enter? And have you not only the Names of Justice, and the words thereof painted upon the Walls in your Courts, and your hearts hardened against God and his Truth where it is made manifest? And is not this Scripture fulfilled in your generation, That he that departs from iniquity becomes a prey? And are not the proud counted happy? And are not them that work wickedness set up?

O ye men in Authority, consider these things, and lay it to heart; for do not our eyes behold these things in your Courts of Judicatory? And, are not these things brought forth amongst you, the prophane, licentious persons, drunkards and swearers, whores and whoremongers are set at liberty, and the poor despised Members of Truth kept in bonds for the exercise of a pure Conscience towards God and Man, for know this, it is for this very thing we suffer outward bonds and imprisonments, with the spoiling of our goods, because we fear the Lord, and cannot run into the same excess with others, but keep our Consciences void of offence towards God and man.

So consider how cruel and hard-hearted you have been to
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wards us; yes, like *Pharaoh's* Task-Masters have you oppressed the Seed of *Jacob*; but know this, the mighty God of *Jacob* in whom we trust, will as sure plead our Cause, as ever he did *Israel's* of old, who hath, and wil give us strength and patience to wait upon him for deliverance in his own time. So think not that we are ~~prejudged~~ ^{prejudged} and ~~condemned~~ ^{condemned} with them that delight therein, shall for ever reign, and Truth befor ever slain in the streets of ~~Jerusalem~~ ^{Jerusalem}, where ~~Christ~~ ^{Christ} was, and is crucified by the generation of *Cain*, *Ismael* and *Esau*, who were murderers, scoffers and persecutors of all the righteous Seed of *God*, from ~~Adam~~ ^{Adam} to this very day, but know this, yes assuredly, ~~Plagues~~ ^{Plagues} is prepared, Vials, Vials of the Wrath of Almighty *God* is to be poured forth without mixture upon the rest of the Beast, and upon the inhabitants of the Earth, whereby they shall gnash their teeth for very pain, and blaspheme the God of ~~Heaven~~ ^{Heaven} who hath power over these ~~plagues~~ ^{plagues} that repeat not of a ~~few~~ ^{few} ~~days~~ ^{days}, but curse their God and their King, which is *Abaddon* the Angel of the bottomless pit.

And let none glory in their act of cruelty, nor boast in their own strength, nor say as it was said in the *Revelations*, Who shall ~~rob~~ ^{rob} with the Beast? For the little stone is cut out of the Mountain, which hath and will smite the great Image; yea, and *God's* Plough is entered into the fallow ground, yea and all the bryars and brambles, tall Cedars and sturdy Oaks shall not hinder its passage through the Earth, but in the fulness of time they shall be as Rubble fully dreyed, fit for the fire, and the wrath of the Lord *God* Almighty shall kindle upon them, and burn, and not be quenched till Judgment be brought forth into victory, and Truth and Equity come to reign, and Righteousness run down our streets, for this is what the Lord requires of every man, To do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with his God, and to love his Neighbor as himself, as the Scripture saith, and until then not a blessing, but a curse is to be expected.

And th' is to all you in *Anthony*, in whom the gift of *God* is not wholly slain, but some tenderness is left in you, & your Consciences are to far enlightened, that you cannot join in your hearts with the unjust proceeding of others, take heed how

Now you join hand in hand with the wicked, neither be silent for fear of man when unjust Judgment is given against any; for if you do, God will not hold you guiltless at his Judgement-seat; but as you are faithful to God, so shall you have your reward; but if you be silent, and wink at the unjust proceedings of others, whereby Truth and good men come to suffer, God will require it at your hands, and that which he hath given, shall be taken from you, and ye bound hand and foot, and cast into utter darkness as well as others, where shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth for ever.

For know this, God did not set you in places of trust to seek your selves, but to act for him, and to be an encouragement to good men, and a terror to the wicked; and as you are faithful thereunto, you will come over all the slavish fear of man, although they be higher in power then yourselves; and so you will answer the end for which God hath set you, which is not to please men, but to do the wil of God, which cannot be done by you if you seek to save self; but God will deliver the oppressed by another hand, and ye shall be cast out as dung upon the face of the Earth.

And what think you, ye Merchants of *Babylon*, who reign as Kings, and put the day of the Lord as a noff, and push with your horns, and cry, *Tush, away, where is the promise of his coming?* doth not all things continue as they were since the Fathers fell asleep? and is not our Kingdom restored again into its strength and vigor as before? And are not the Towers of *Babel* rebuilt? And doth not the *Mother* sit as a Queen, with her Golden Cup in her hand? And have not we made Laws and Decrees that all both small and great, shall drink thereof? And how should she see sorrow, or we have cause to lament her downfall, which you say is so near?

Why hear this ye Merchants of *Babylon* who are crept out of your holes and dens, and are spread like Locusts upon the face of the Earth, and at your return is the Dragons Chain loosened, and the smoak of the bottomless pit ascended, whereby the air is darkened; and what are you seeking long life here in thick darkness? (yea, as in *Egypt*s Land, which may be felt) and are not your spires as black as Hell, and as bloody as your Scarlet Robes? And do they not thirst after the blood of the Saints, to drink thereof, who cannot drink the Cup of your Fornication

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tion? Nay, your day which is in darkness, is short, & the time is at hand wherein you shall be taken with the Beast and the Dragon, and cast alive into the Lake which burns with fire and brimstone for ever; for by your Sorceries is the Earth corrupted? And shall not a devouring fire cleanse and purifie it again? yes, the smoake of your burning shall ascend up for ever, and for evermore; yea, dry trees twice dead, and pluckt up by the roots; yea, bundles, bundles for the fire are ye prepared both high and low, noble and ignoble, great and small, even as you would have devoured, so shall you be overcome; for God Almighty in whose hand ye are, wil plead with you, who are posting on greedily after your prey; but a hook shall you have in your nostrils, and the prey taken from between your teeth, and ye bound in chains, and cast into utter darkness, where shall be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth for ever and for evermore, except ye repent; but if the Lord open the eyes of any of you, so that you come to see where you are, and be as fire-brands pluckt out of the burning, should we not reioice, yea and sing for joy together to the Lord God & the Lamb for ever, who hath redeemed us out of Kindreds, Tongues and Nations, and put a new song into our mouths; and how can we but praise and magnifie his Name over all for ever, who hath done great things for his people, whose Name is worthy to be blessed, exalted and magnified over all for ever.

So let not the Merchants of *Babylon* think it a small thing; for us to return back again from New-*Jerusalem* the City of the great King, to their City *Babylon*, to sit under their Willows by the Rivers of *Babylon*; for there we cannot sing an *Hebrew* song, but must feed of the broth of their abominable things, which our souls hate, and hath no pleasure therein, but as living witnesses bear our Testimony for the Lord our God against their abominations as he calls us thereunto.

And so let none worship the Beast, nor bow to his image, for the everlasting Gospel is preached again, and the Angel doth flye through the midst of Heaven, and the cry is gonne forth, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgements is come, & worship him that made Heaven & Earth, & the Sea, and the fountains of living waters; for *Babylon* the great is come up in remembrance, and the judgement seal is set, & her plagues are begun, which shall never have end,

and, the mouth of the Lord God Almighty hath spoken it. So be still ye Nations, and keep silent ye Isles afar off; yea, tremble ye Mountains, melt away ye little Hills, for the Lord our God is risen in power and great glory, and is come to reign, and the Nations are angry at his appearance, who is come and coming in ten thousands of his Saints, to judge the world in righteousness, and to convince them of all their ungodly deeds & hard speeches they have ungodlily committed; yea, Gog and Magog are gathering together to the battel of the great Day of God Almighty; yea, and he that rides on the white Horse is gone forth conquering and to conquer; yea, and the slain of the Lord shall be many, and the Fowls are gathering together to the Supper of the Lord God, that they may eat the flesh of Kings, and the flesh of Captains, and the flesh of mighty men; for Gogs numberless number hath appeared, & are appearing, and have drunk blood, and do thirst after it, and they shall be filled; yea, as they have done, so it shall be returned again into their bosoms; yea double unto her, double, according to her works, (Holy God of Life) and let thy servants the Prophets sound forth thy praises in the Earth; yea, let the Law go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem, and let the inhabitants of the Earth hear the sound thereof; for Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and the smoke of her torment ascends for ever and for ever. Therefore rejoice ye holy Prophets, and sing for joy ye Saints of the most High; for the Lord our God and the Lamb reigneth on Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, before his Ancients gloriously, and the redeemed of the Lord are with him, with Palms in their hands, and songs of deliverance in their mouths; yea sing ye Babes, rejoice ye Lambs, for your King comes riding upon an Ass Colt, yea upon the Foal of an Ass; yea and his Lambs he carries in his arms, and gently leads those that be with young. So praises, praises, living praises be given to his holy Name over all for ever, whose Name is worthy to be praised, exalted and magnified over all for ever. So praise him O all ye sons and daughters, and sing aloud of his noble acts; for the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea, and the Lyon and the Lamb lye down together, and thou hast caused the root of Jesse to spring out of a dry ground; yea of a little one is there become thousands: O Lord, who can but speak well of thy Name, yea and tell of thy marvellous works, and speak of thy wonders of old days past, yea and how thy loving-kindness extends to the ends of the Earth; for when we were in our blood, and no eye pitied us, thou hadst compassion on us, and washed us, and poured oyle into our wounds, and said unto us, Live; and caused us to rest under the shadow of thy wing when we were distressed on every side; yea when our Enemies were many, yea when the Floods overwhelmed us, and our hope was almost gone; yea then did thy secret arm of power uphold us, although we saw it not; yea thou brokest in upon us with thy living presence, whereby we were refreshed, and our strength was renewed; and as we

great as thy power, thou delightest in us, and saught to do us good: thou
cloagst us about with the girdle of Truth, and puttest a Bow in our hands,
and on thy strength hath it been bent, and arrows have been sent forth, with thy
our Enemies have been smitten, and at the appearance of thy presence have they
fled, ye holy Lord God Almighty, strong and mighty hast thou been in Israel,
we will praise thee with our enemies both within us, and without us: yea, thou hast
delivered us from the paw of the Lyon and the Bear, and hast caused us to win
triumph in victory over our Enemies: yea, thou hast done great things for us, and
how can we but speak well of thy Name, and tell of thy monitions works, and
let the people know that thou wastest to be praised unto all: Whose loving-
kindness is stretcht out to the ends of the earth, who in the secret
of your hearts cries, Come; if you will return, come, and see if there
be not balm in Gilead, and saving health in Israel, and salvation in
the Light of the Lord our God, which at present in the secret of
your hearts condemns you for your sin, and reproves you in secret
when no eye sees you, it condemns you, and sees your sins in order
before you, yea and shews you all that ever you have done, as you
hearken to it, love it and believe in it; yea, love that which con-
demns you for your evil deeds, for it is the gift of God which comes
from God, and leads to God again, from whence man is fallen, yea,
it will heal your backslidings, and pardon your iniquities, and blot
out your transgressions, that they may be remembered no more, and
so your hearts will become upright before God: for the alousing you will come
to know, and the purifying of your hearts will ye witness, yea the new life in the
birth of regeneration, will ye know redemption in out of Egypt's Land of
darkness, into spiritual Canaan the everlasting rest of all the faithful and
believing Israelites, and true Heritage of God.

Yea, let the Isles afar off taste of his goodness, and them that sit in
darkness come away, for Light is sprung forth, and the night is far
spent, and the morning hath appeared, and the day star is risen, yea
the everlasting day of the Lord which shall never have an end, is
come and coming, and his promises a fulfilling, yea, and truth and
righteousness shall cover the earth even as the waters cover the sea,
whereat the Inhabitants of the earth are astonished, and fearfulness
doth take hold on the hypocrite, yea, & the ungodly men shall trem-
ble, and cry to the Rocks and to the Mountains to hide them from
the wrath of the Lord God Almighty, & the Lamb: For the judgement
of the great day is come, & the Saints do expect, and shall for ever sing Ho-
lujah, honors, blessings and praises be given unto the Lord our God, whose
Name is worthy to be blessed, praised, and exalted ever, all for ever.

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